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President's Place: Mary Ann Morris

Welcome to the President's Place.

How many of you have raided your husband's toolbox for your sewing aids? Or shopped at Lowe's or Home Depot for sewing tools? I do some of the time. To make sure that my longarm stitches as it should, I used one of his levels until I got one for myself. Next I raided his fishing tackle box for the file that he used to file the point of his fish hooks. I use it to sharpen the points on my safety pins..

My hand started hurting because of the way I was holding it on the rulers as I was cutting fabric. So as a way to help my hand I once again hit his toolbox (with his permission). This time I tried out the sanding block that he used on the plaster on our walls. The sanding block worked, so I stopped at Home Depot and got one for me for \$7.00. I do have a bigger one that is made for sewing that was much more money. The next time you need a sewing tool, check out your husband's toolbox first--it can be cheaper than Joann's.

Now on to the more important things. If you haven't paid your dues yet they are overdue.

Char Peterson had a really great program for June. Sharon Meeds sent out the notes that Thelma Moyer handed out. She explained why we make some of the choices that we do with our quilts. A big thank you to Char for the program and to Sharon for sending out the notes.

July's program will be our summer picnic at Steel Lake Park (details in this newsletter) for CQ members and their families.

The next thing is if you are having a problem with your quilt and can't decide what to do with it, or you just want a place to sew without a lot of interruptions, Friday Friends is the place to go. Address and time are posted in this newsletter.

I will see you all on Thursday, June 23. Don't forget your Show and/or Tell. And now I'm off to Wisconsin for a quilting retreat with a group of friends that I have made online. Have a great time quilting or working in your yard.

Mary

Multi-Service Center Donations:

Toiletry items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, lady's sanitary items.

Canned goods, especially the kind with a pop top.



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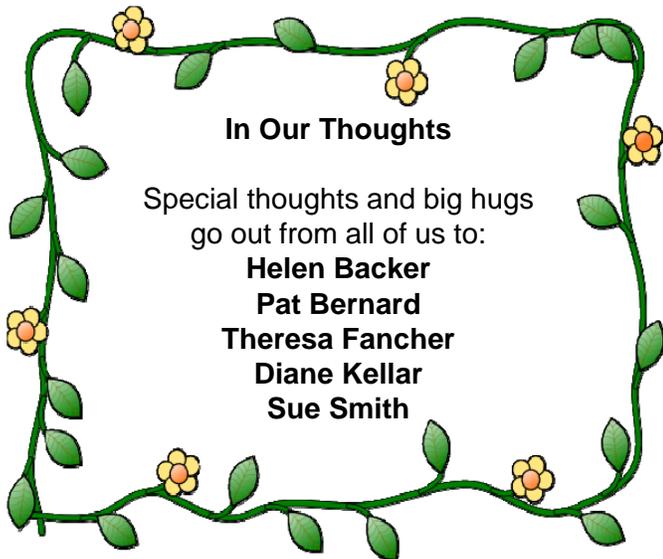
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This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email (jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or mail (P.O. Box 4243, Federal Way 98063) it to me by the 15th of the month. Thanks! jill

Members' Sale Table – Jill Ellis

I am the Member Sales person for June's business meeting (this week). Here's what I will have for you: Kits, panels, fabric, notions, specialty rulers, books, and magazines. Most items have the original price on them and everything is at least half price. Books are 50 cents, magazines are 10 cents. I will have bags so you can cart away tons of stuff. Bring cash or a checkbook. I may do this again before the year is out, as I only went through my fabric baskets—didn't touch the boxes and drawers that contain other hidden treasures.

Every business meeting, you have an opportunity to sell your good stuff to good people. You'll go home with money, they'll go home with bargains, the guild gets 10% of what you made, and everyone's happy. If you'd like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact me. jillzquilts@hotmail.com or 253-927-1260. We have no one scheduled after this week.



Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker	
Checking	\$5,616.30
Savings	<u>5,509.22</u>
TOTAL	\$11,125.52

If you have receipts for reimbursement, bring them to a meeting, fill out a reimbursement request form, and I will give you a check.

Retreats – Janine Walker

The June retreat has been shortened by one day because of low attendance (Friday-Sunday, no Monday). October is the next retreat; the sign-up sheet will be at the August meetings. Upcoming retreats are October 14-17 and November 7-10. Dates for 2017 are: January 20-23, March 10-13, June 16-19, October 12-16, November 6-9.

July Hospitality and Birthdays

Please bring goodies to meetings during your birthday MONTH. You are also responsible for helping with room setup/cleanup. Contact Rebecca Kellar, 253-219-6408, if you have questions or are unable to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kristi Warren	3
Sue Bechtold	5
Jo Ann Undlin	15
Mary Ann Morris	15
Hannah Cook	20
Pam Pollinger	21

Happy 4th of July

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See: Road Trip!



June 22-28: Western Washington Annual Quilt Shop Hop, www.washingtonquiltshophop.com.

There are only 29 participants this year, where there have been up to 58 participants in previous years. It's not that shops are closed—they're just not participating. I wonder what happened.

June 21-Sept 6: Row by Row Experience for Oregon & Washington, www.rowbyrowexperience.com, Visit any participating shop & receive a free pattern for a row! Create a quilt using at least 8 different rows and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters.

July 8-9: Quilt & Art Show, Community Center, 484 North Broadway, Burns, Oregon.

July 15-17: Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club 30th Annual Show, Sequim Middle School Gym, 301 West Hendrickson, Sequim WA. www.sunbonnetsuequiltclub.org/annquiltshow

July 22-24: "Coming of Age," Covington Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show. Cedar Heights Middle School, 19640 SE 272nd, Covington, WA. Tea room, vendors, challenge quilts, door prizes, bazaar, bed-turning, demos, "I Spy" for children under 12. Hours Friday and Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. www.covingtonquilters.org/index.php/quilt-show

August 5-7: Annual Lazy Daze of Summer Shop hop, Fri-Sat, 9-5; Sun 10-4. Cotton Candy Quilt Shop, Arlington; Quilter's Coop, Stanwood; Back Porch Quilts, Snohomish; Quilter's Roost, Everett. www.lazydazeofsummer.com

September 30-October 1: Sharing Our Stitches, Crystal Quilters, Enumclaw Expo Center, 45224 284th Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, 10-5 p.m., Admission is \$6 donation. Bring a nonperishable food donation and receive a fat quarter from Quilter's Roost.

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 th Street, Federal Way. We get in the meeting room at 7:15 p.m.	
June 23	Business meeting: committee reports, Block of the Month drawing, Show & Tell, Secret Pal gift exchange. If it's your birthday month, please bring a treat to share and help set up the room.
July 14	Program meeting: Picnic at Steel Lake Park in Federal Way, 2410 South 312 th Street, under the large covered picnic space. Potluck, starts at 5 p.m. If you bring something that needs to stay cold, bring a bag of ice with you. Char will have a kiddie pool in which to put ice and all of the salads, etc. that need to keep cold. The guild will provide napkins, plates, cutlery. Bring your own beverages (nonalcoholic), family, folding chairs, and have a great time.
Friday Friends (every Friday, but not Nov 13, as that's when the workshop is)	Join several club members every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Milton Community Center, 1000 Laurel Street, Milton 98354 Bring your lunch, work on your unfinished projects or start a new one, and have fun with fellow Crazy Quilters. We generally do not meet the Friday before a major three-day holiday such as July 4, Memorial Day, Labor Day, or if the Community Center is closed.

Ugly Panel Challenge coming at the June Business Meeting!! – Sharon Meeds

Pick up your "ugly" panel at the business meeting in June. If you aren't going to be able to make the meeting, but want to participate, email me at sameeds@comcast.net and I will bring a bag for you.

Rules

1. You need to end up with a lap quilt. These will go to either Avalon or to our Cancer Charity quilts.
2. You may NOT cut the panel into any size square and just sew it back together again. This is not a water color, 6, 9, 12 or 16-patch type quilt project.
3. You do not have to use the entire panel, BUT there must be enough visible to know it was the panel you got.
4. It must be quilted and bound when returned.
5. Judging will take place at the October business meeting (this leave you all summer and part of the fall to get you 'ugly' panel de-uglified (I made that word up).
6. There will be prizes: most creative; best use of panel, prettiest, and anything else Tina McCarter and I can come up with.
7. Pictures will be posted of the original panel and the finished quilt.
8. It's for fun and for our community charities!

Quilt Shop Review: Cow Lick Quilts – Contributed by Sharon Meeds

38125 303rd Avenue SE, Enumclaw WA 98022

Al & I went for a drive toward Enumclaw and I googled, "Quilt and fabric," stores. Cow Lick Quilts came up. We headed off on the Enumclaw/Renton Highway (I think that's the 169), following our Google Gal. Our quilt shop destination had some signage as we made some of the later turns.

Too cute of a store! Dogs joyously greeted us to let our hostess know we had arrived. The entrance is nice, and the first room is great for just browsing through some sales items and picking up brochures off the table.

It turns out this is our friend, Evangeline, who had her store in her trailer! Now it's in a nicely laid-out quilt store. Some great fabrics that we hadn't seen elsewhere and some patterns and notions. I found some material for an Edgar Allen Poe quilt, plus some cute cops & robbers novelty print. And three patterns for hand-work that are fabulous! There isn't a humongous choice, but a really nice choice of many things: flannels, cottons, batiks, and novelty prints. And they do some things that other places don't, like barn quilts--you know, the kind you see hanging on barns or garages. She has classes and just a really nice place.

You can check out her website or follow her on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Cow-Lick-Quilts-266652656871761/?fref=ts>

<http://www.cowlickquilts.com/>

I definitely recommend Cow Lick Quilt shop. It's the pleasant end to a nice drive, and if you want, there are other things easily reached to make a nice day outing: Flaming Geyser State Park, Deep Lake at Nolte State Park, the city of Enumclaw, or the Black Diamond Bakery.



Business Meeting Minutes – May 2016 – Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

- Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. Greeted new member Ashley Evers. Minutes approved from 4/28/2016.
- Show & Tell: Lots of beautiful quilts shown.
- Vice-president report by Char Peterson:
 - June program -Thelma Moyer will talk about "Eye to Contrast".
 - July program is Summer Picnic at Steel Lake Park at Picnic area 1.
 - August program is preparing for the fair.
 - Future program will be Bonnie Wetle on postcards. Susanna Gantt will host Bonnie at her house.
- Motion passed to not have an Auction this year.
- Announced that we need a coordinator for the Puyallup Fair. Would arrange for the tickets & parking passes, scheduling times and talking to the fair person.
- BOM is "Disappearing Pinwheel Friendship Star " with brown or black with white.
- No BOM from April.
- Community Service BOM is "Dots & Dashes". See Margaret Mortenson.
- Raffle Quilt report from Mariana Garrett about "Hexagon Snowflakes , due to 2016 Raffle Quilt not done, will postpone until 2018, and current Raffle Quilt will be sold for 2017. Mariana has Hexagon kits.
- Cancer Comfort Quilts: Pat Bernard reported that there are 3 places to give quilts to, Virginia Mason, St Francis, & NW Medical Specialties, plus Seattle Children's Clinic. She doesn't know how many each one would need. Consensus was to give to St Francis.
- Retreats : Janine reported that there was not enough people to do another May Retreat. Still have openings for the June Retreat on June 17th to 20th. Let Janine know if you want to go.
- Treasurer Report: Teresa Koe will do audit.
- Labels: Tina has labels for community service quilts. See her if you need one.
- Name Badge Drawing: Carolyn Jones won. Wear your badge.
- Martha Lamerson had the Sellers Table, she sold \$134.00, Guild made \$13.40.
- Be sure to pick up your Secret Pal gift.
- Block-in-the-Box Exchange is tonight.

Fabracadabra

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noun

a mystical word or expression used when fabric magically appears in your stash that you forgot buying, hid under the stairs, or stashed under your bed months ago.

What Makes a Quilt Shop Great? – found at <http://whilshenaps.com/2015/06/local-quilt-shop.html>

After 23 years, my sewing machine I'd bought when I was 13-years-old, broke for good. When I heard "grrrr grrrr" every time I turned it on, I set aside \$500 to spend on a new machine at a local quilt shop. My book, *The Artful Bird*, had come out 9 months earlier, so I brought it along with a basketful of sample birds in the hopes of showing them to the owner while I was there.

A few months prior I had visited a different local quilt shop in my area to show the staff my book and my birds. At first they weren't quite sure what to make of the book (soft sculpture birds aren't a typical thing to make from quilting cottons), but they quickly caught on and were enthusiastic. We scheduled a four-hour workshop for a few weeks later, they hung onto the samples to put by the register to advertise for the class, and they placed an order to begin carrying my book in the shop. The women who own this shop are older than me by 20 years or so. The fabric selection is very traditional (I called recently to ask if they had any Cotton+Steel and nobody there knew what I was talking about). But the class was terrific and I refer my *Introduction to Sewing* students there all the time.

When it came time to purchase a machine I didn't go there because they're a Pfaff dealer and I wanted a Janome. So I went to the other shop. While trying out the machine I would end up buying for just under \$500 I showed the staff person my book and my birds and asked if I might show them to the owner. She shrugged. She put my book behind the counter and told me the owner was busy. I said I could wait a bit. I waited for 45 minutes while the owner chatted with regular customers and never acknowledged me. Eventually I told the staffer I needed to leave and handed her my card. They kept the book (I wondered later if maybe they'd thrown it away) and I cried in the car on the way home.

What makes a quilt shop great?

Quilt shops today have a very hard time competing with online shops on both price and selection. I found out recently how surprisingly easy it is to set up a wholesale account with a fabric manufacturer. All that's required is an EIN number, a credit card, and somewhere between \$750-\$1,000 for your first order (with a much lower yearly minimum order after that). You pick the bolts and they send them to you, no questions asked.

That's how a fabric shop like Llama Fabrics and many, many others on Etsy and Facebook can sell premium quilting cottons from Free Spirit, Cotton + Steel, and the other major manufacturers at about \$2 below suggested retail price per yard. Although the product is intended for quilt shops only, manufacturers of premium quilting cottons are selling fabric to Etsy shop owners and Facebook group administrators and whomever else without any guarantee of what the retail price will be. Manufacturers who sell to Craftsby sell the fabric at 10-20% below wholesale allowing Craftsby to set their prices lower than local quilt shops, too. Combine this with space limitations and overhead costs and online retail wins out every time.

Being undercut by online shops can make quilt shop owners disheartened, and even angry, at their customers. One shop owner I spoke with recently told me, "I'm 60. I'm tired of fighting every day for next to nothing. Younger, more modern quilters have no loyalty to anyone at all. I have customers who say they support local quilt shops, but all their stuff is bought online."

I actually still believe there's a place for local quilt shops in the current retail landscape, but there's no denying that what that place looks like is shifting quickly and dramatically. We don't need quilt shops for what we used to need them for. They are no longer the exclusive or best source for a key element in quilt making – premium fabrics.

Then what do we need quilt shops for? What will make a shop survive and thrive through this shift?

I asked my Instagram and Facebook friends to tell me about their local quilt shop. How do they feel when they walk in? What's awesome about it and what's not so awesome? Here's what they said:

What a local quilt shop has that no online shop can ever have is in-person interactions. No amount of blogging or photo sharing or video making can ever compete with the experience of one-on-one help that a knowledgeable, caring person can give you as a customer, whether that's through a class held at the shop or just a retail purchase. The feeling you get when you're in the shop is directly dependent on the people who work there and how they interact with you. Do you feel like you belong?

We should certainly support our local quilt shops, even if it means paying a dollar more per yard for fabric, but local quilt shops are equally responsible for embracing their customer, even if the person who walks in the door is young, or a man, or black, or gay, or has tattoos and is looking for modern fabric. People should be at the center of this kind of commerce. Going to a quilt shop shouldn't make you feel like crying.